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SUBJECT: IMCO: ELECTION OF COUNCIL CHAIRMAN: USSR DESIRE FOR US
SUPPORT FOR USSR IMCO PERM REP

STATE FOR EB/TT/MA; IO/TRC; CG/CPT HINTZE

1. USSR MINISTRY OF MERCHANT MARINE, HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS AVERIN AND HIS DEPUTY GRITSENKO MET AT THEIR INITIATIVE
WITH DEPTOFF RICHARD BANK, MEMBER OF US MARITIME DELEGATION IN
MOSCOW ON SEPTEMBER 15.

2. AVERIN STATED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO SUPPORT USG
NOMINATION OF ADM. EDWARDS FOR THIRD TERM AS COUNCIL CHAIRMAN.
AVERIN, WHILE EMPHASIZING UNPRECEDENTED NATURE OF THIRD TERM,
AGREED WITH OUR RATIONALE THAT IMCO'S NEXT FEW YEARS WILL BE
IMPORTANT. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE HAD INFORMED IMCO SECRETARIAT
OF USSR DECISION TO SUPPORT EDWARDS, AND "SUGGESTED" WE INFORM
SECRETARIAT OF OUR INTENTION TO RENOMINATE EDWARDS. AVERIN NOTED
THAT HE DISCUSSED EDWARDS' NOMINATION WITH POLES WHILE LAST IN
WARSAW, BUT HE EXPECTS THE POLES TO SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.

3. AVERIN'S UNQUALIFIED SUPPORT OF EDWARDS, ALTHOUGH PROPOSED
WITHOUT FORMAL REQUEST FOR QUID PRO QUO, WAS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED
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BY THE DROPPING OF THE OTHER SHOE. NOTING INCREASE ROLE IMCO TO

PLAY (INCLUDING DEPOSITORY FOR ADDITIONAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS, I.E. OCEAN DUMPING) AVERIN RELATED THAT SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAD APPROACHED BRITISH GOVERNMENT IN ATTEMPT TO APPOINT A USSR PERMANENT "REPRESENTATIVE OR REPRESENTATIVES" TO IMCO UNDER ARTICLE 36 OR IMCO CONVENTION, IN NO WAY ATTACHED TO THE USSR EMBASSY, LONDON. THIS BRITISH HAVE TURNED DOWN THE SOVIETS IN THIS ATTEMPT CITING RECIPROCAL QUOTAS OF RESPECTIVE EMBASSIES.

4. RELATING ABOVE AVERIN NOW SEEKS USG SUPPORT OF ITS DESIRE TO APPOINT PERM REP UNDER ARTICLE 36, NOTING THE UNIVERSALITY OF ITS INTENTION AND NOTING THAT SUCH APPOINTMENTS , LIKE THOSE IN VIENNA, ROME, GENEVA AND MONTREAL WOULD ENHANCE IMCO'S IMAGE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AT A TIME WHEN OTHER, LESS EFFICIENT ORGANIZATIONS COULD ATTEMPT TO USURP IMCO'S AREAS OF CONCERN. HE HAS SPOKEN PERSONALLY WITH IMCO SEC GEN SHRIVASTAVA WHO SUPPORTS THE MOVE, BUT WILL NOT AT THIS TIME INTERVENE WITH BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

5. DEPTOFF NOTED THAT MEMBER STATES WISHING CLOSE OR "PERMANENT" IMCO COVERAGE HAVE ACHIEVED THIS BY UTILIZING EMBASSY OR HIGH COMMISSION OFFICER. ONLY ONE WITH "PERM REP" TITLE IS CAPTAIN TARDANA OF INDONESIA WHO IS ON NAVAL ATTACHE STAFF OF INDONESIAN EMBASSY, LONDON.

6. DEPTOFF GAVE NO RPT NO ENCOURAGEMENT TO SOVIET PROPOSAL BUT ASSURED AVERIN THAT MATTER WILL BE DISCUSSED BY APPROPRIATE USG OFFICIALS UPON HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON ON SEPTEMBER 22. AVERIN INDICATED THAT SOVIET DEL TO ONE-DAY COUNCIL SESSION IN NOVEMBER MAY RAISE THIS ISSUE.
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